

10-Year Plan to End Homelessness
Housing Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday, February 13, 2006
3:30 pm
Miller Family Health Education Center
3820 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, CA

Self-introductions around the table by those attending.

Sign-in sheet completed and turned over to Lezlie. 14 attendees

Minutes of the January 18, 2006, meeting were presented. No changes or corrections made.

Co-Chair, Jack C. Smith – Today's meeting, one the beginning of March, one the end of March, and one in mid-April is 4 meetings (including today) to accomplish the matrix of our ideas by the May deadline. (note: see meeting schedule at end of minutes.)

Co-Chair, Maria Giesey – Discussed the importance of understanding current conditions and presented a report highlighting those conditions. (Maria's report is attached to these minutes.)

Co-Chair, Toby Rothschild – Explained that today's meeting is for brainstorming goals and objectives to put into the matrix which will be our report to the Working Group.

Lezlie Neusteter discussed the mountain of research materials to be examined and presented a means by which to gather information from that material in a manageable manner. With the help of Christy Jocoy, PhD., of Cal State Long Beach, a "Summary Guidelines" questionnaire has been developed to help us effectively summarize the materials. (Those Summary Guidelines are attached to these minutes.) She also explained that a number of individuals will each be assigned a research article to summarize using the guidelines and then report back to the Sub-Committee. A number of reports have already been assigned to members of Jocoy's graduate class. Volunteers from the Sub-Committee were requested to volunteer to summarize the remaining reports.

Christy Jocoy, PhD. explained how to use the Summary Guidelines questionnaire. It allows more targeted reading in order to understand the mass of information. Graduate students in her Human Geography Seminar are doing some of the summaries and she went down that list of reports.

The title of each of the remaining articles was read for Sub-Committee members to choose to summarize. A comment was made that the research material must apply to Long Beach considering the political climate. Another comment was made that the

summarization of the research materials is important regardless of politics. It was stated that it is important to look at other models that worked.

The articles to be summarized were passed around the table, members chose an article, and listed it on the log of who is summarizing which research article. Leslie indicated she will e-mail the Summary Guidelines form so that folks can fill it out on their computers. Those summaries are due back to Lezlie by March 6 so they may be distributed to the Sub-Committee members before the next meeting.

The group then brainstormed Goals and Objectives for Housing. They are presented here in the raw order in which they came up. Some sorting and consolidation will be done. Here, then, are the ideas:

- 1 – House everyone in housing that matches their need.
2. – Inclusionary zoning.
3. – Financially feasible.
4. – Public / Private cooperation.
5. – Articulate what will happen if people aren't housed.
6. – Match cost of homes with income.
7. – Supportive housing.
8. – Sustainability.
9. – Short term & long term housing; assessment of ability to sustain.
10. – Transitional housing.
11. – Variable solutions / flexibility
12. – Address needs of special needs populations.
13. – Financially accessible housing.
14. – Semi subsidized housing (e.g. CSU Channel Islands).
15. – Site identification / scattered site planning.
16. – Incentive to self / housing improvement.
17. – Company / community housing.
18. – Eviction prevention.
19. – Stable rental prices.
20. – Efficiency / studio apartments; motels, etc.
21. – Congregate housing
22. – Density bonus
23. – Marketplace / free enterprise solutions.
24. – Granny flats.
25. – Innovative / flexible housing; domes, convertible, modular housing
26. – Sweat equity.
27. – Rehabs.
28. – Easy to understand solutions
29. – Fraud / waste prevention.
30. – Acknowledgement of need for housing for homeless / at risk.
31. – Financially accessible (same as #13).
32. – Housing first.

Questions for other Sub-Committees were discussed:

1. – Data Analysis – What are the categories of homeless and how many types of housing for each are category?
2. – Planning & Building – Flexible planning / zoning / codes to accommodate the needed housing.
3. – Prevention Strategies – eviction assistance, low cost housing stock, employment issues.
4. – Outreach – How to persuade those in need to access the resources / housing.
5. – Funding – Faster access to funding; consider public / private partnerships

Questions for ourselves (Housing Sub-Committee)

1. – Triage system
2. – Steps to follow to achieve goals.

Dates and times for the next meetings was discussed. Reminder that research materials summaries are due to Lezlie (lezlie_neusteter@longbeach.gov) by March 6. Next 3 meetings scheduled for Mondays March 13, April 3, and April 24. Each at 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the Miller Family Health Education Center. Dates and times subject to confirmation by staff.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.